Tista Project

814. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been long time overrun and huge cost escalation of the Tista Project; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The main reasons are:

(i) taking up of new works during the course of implementation of the project; and

(ii) non-availability of adequate funds and consequent prolongation of the construction period resulting in cost escalation.

Sugar production

815. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of sugar in the country by the end of March, 1987;

(b) the production of sugar in the country for the corresponding period last year;

(c) whether Government propose to increase the quantity of sugar per unit to be distributed through P.D.S. in the rural areas; and

(d) whether Government propose to fix up a sugar quota for domestic consumption to the sugarcane suppliers on the basis of their yearly total supply of sugarcane to the sugar mills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The estimated production of sugar in the country upto 31st March, 1987 during the current 1986-87 season aggregated to 66.92 lakh tonnes as against 59.96 lakh tonnes on the corresponding date last year.

(c) The State Governments/Union Territories are allotted levy sugar quota generally on the basis of 425 grams per month per capita for the projected population as on 1-10-1986. The pattern of allocation to the Public Distribution System within the State is decided by the State Governments themselves with reference to local requirements and circumstances, on the basis of norms fixed by them.

(d) Under the present policy of partial control, levy sugar quota is allotted to each State Government/Union Territory for distribution among the entire population which includes the cane growers.

Abolition of posts by the ICAR

816. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of Agricultural Research had recently abolished a large number of posts in its all India Coordinated Projects for various crops;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether this step of the ICAR is likely to lead to dislocation and in some cases even unemployment, of hundreds of agricultural scientists and supporting staff; and

(d) if so, the number of persons likely to be unemployed as a result thereof and what remedial steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Details of some of the posts abolished/readjusted and the reasons therefor together with new positions

created in VII Plan are given in the attached statement. [*See* Appendix CXLII, Annexure No. 47].

(c) It is not likely to affect the ongoing research programme due to the fact that the staff has been provided based on the new research priorities identified for VII Plan.

(d) There may not be any unemployment problem since a number of new posts have been created as could be seen from the Annexure. There are also a large number of vacancies in the Agricultural Universities against which they may be adjusted and the Vice-Chancellors have been requested to do so. Further, Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been allowing the Universities to continue some positions which they found difficult to adjust.

Assistance to the allottees of surplus land

817. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the area of land declared surplus in the country during the year 1986 and whether it has been distributed to the landless and weaker sections of the society; and

(b) what assistance Government have provided to the allottees of the surplus land to start cultivation thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) During 1986, an additional area of 3.42 lakh acres has been declared surplus and an additional area of 1.36 lakh acres has been distributed to eligible beneficiaries.

(b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of financial assistance to the assignees of ceiling surplus land, an amount of Rs. 2,500 per hectare is provided to beneficiaries for various pbrposes like simple land development, provision of inputs as well as immediate consumption needs. An amount of Rs. 412.25 lakhs has been released to the States during 1986-87 under this Scheme. Besides, the beneficiaries of surplus ceiling land are also eligible to receive assistance under various rural development programmes like IRDP, NREP, RLEGP etc.

Draft plan National Capital Region

818. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the broad outlines of the National Capital Region plan have since been worked out, if so, what are the details thereof together with the estimated expenditure involved; and

(b) by when the NCR-draft plan is expected to be ready and the progress made in this regard so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The N.C.R. Planning Board formulated an Interim Development Plan 2001, for the harmonised development of the National Capital Region, which has identified 8 towns complexes for priority development in the Region. The towns/complexes are Meerut, Hapur, Bulandshahr-Khurja, Panipat, Rohtak, Palwal, Rewari-Bhiwadi-Dharuhera and Alwar. The development proposals include *inter-alia* provision/upgradation of infrastructural facilities. The IDP contains a package of policy measures in respect of Delhi, DMA towns and the rest of the region, for achieving the NCR objective. This includes decelerated growth in the Delhi UT, moderate growth in the DMA and induced growth in the identified towns in the region. The tentative cost of the proposals, included in the IDP, excluding that of power sector, has been estimated at Rs. 3041 crores at 1985 prices.